



**A POWERFUL VOICE
IN A CHILD'S LIFE.**

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Dear Henry:

Texas CASA's 13th Annual Statewide Conference, "Children Safe, Not Scared / Niños...Viviendo Seguros y Sin Miedo," was a great success. We want to thank you once again for making such an important difference in the lives of the children served by the CASA network in Texas. We also want you to know that TDPRS's sponsorship of the entire conference is a truly vital aspect of the conference. Your \$10,000 contribution helped provide a training and re-energizing event for over 500 volunteers and professionals dedicated to assisting child victims of abuse and neglect.

More than simply beginning the conference activities in just the right spirit, TDPRS's support afforded the attendees the chance to sharpen their advocacy skills, network with one another and our special presenters, and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing kids in the court and child welfare systems. As we have mentioned, the participants included CASA volunteers, professional staff, attorneys, legislators, policy makers and judges. The children served by the CASA network in Texas—our most recent count totals 13,569 are receiving the ultimate benefits of your generosity.

We have highlighted your sponsorship through a variety of vehicles and media including the slide show of our corporate sponsors at conference events, customized signage with sponsor logos, and the hotlinks available through our web site, offered to corporate sponsors from June through October. We are sending you now a bound conference program for your review. You will also find enclosed here your framed Texas CASA Certificate of Appreciation, along with a Texas CASA conference t-shirt. Please contact us if we can provide you with any additional conference materials.

We understand that there are other worthy nonprofit organizations in Texas that solicit your support. To Texas CASA, that is another reason that it is especially meaningful for you to have, once again, chosen this ever-growing service organization as a recipient of your philanthropic efforts.

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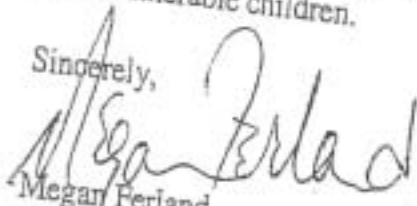
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Again, thank you for helping to strengthen the entire court appointed special advocate network in Texas. Your commitment benefits thousands of this state's most vulnerable children.

Sincerely,



Megan Ferland
Chief Executive Officer



Susan Stahl
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